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Dear Mr Jones

RE: Local Plan 2018-2037 – Education requirements

I wish to confirm the position of the Children's Services & Education Department in respect of education provision required to support the planned housing developments set out in the draft Local Plan.

Officers from Children's Services & Education have been liaising with colleagues from your department to determine the education provision that may be required to ensure that there are sufficient primary and secondary school places available for families moving into the new housing developments.

A detailed modelling exercise has been carried out by Edge Analytics to assess and identify future demand for school places. The model uses school census data, draft Local Plan housing trajectory figures, primary and secondary pupil yield data, pre-school population data and projected birth rates to determine the need for additional primary and secondary school places over the Plan period 2018-2037.

The model identifies a shortfall in both primary school and secondary school provision over the Plan period as a result of new housing developments. In summary:

- **Combined, there is a need for an additional 396 primary school places in Blackburn North and Blackburn East planning areas;**
- **Combined, there is a need for an additional 517 primary school places in Blackburn South and Blackburn West planning areas;**
- **There is a need for an additional 197 primary school places in Darwen between 2025 and 2037;**
- **There is a need for an additional 1001 secondary school places in the borough.**

In order to meet the identified shortfalls in primary and secondary school provision over the Plan period, Children's Services will proceed with the following actions:

Primary places - Blackburn North & Blackburn East

Increase capacity at Lammack Community Primary School from 490 places (70 per year group) to 630 places (90 per year group).

Progress feasibility works to determine other primary schools within the North and/or East localities that would be suitable for expansion.

Primary places - Blackburn South & Blackburn West Planning Areas

Review previous proposals for a new one-form entry primary school in West Blackburn.

Progress feasibility works to determine other primary schools within the South and/or West localities that would be suitable for expansion and or remodelling.

Primary places - Darwen Planning Areas

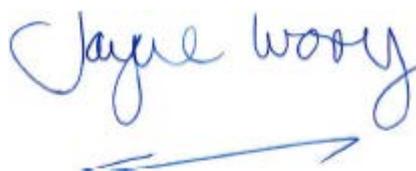
Continue to explore the feasibility of increasing the number of places at St Peters School, Darwen.

Secondary places - Blackburn with Darwen

Review the nett capacity of existing secondary schools to ascertain current capacity to increase the number of places available

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



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